

**WADE, THOMAS EARL,
GENEALOGICAL PAPERS**

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INTRODUCTION

The Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical Papers consist of notebooks, research, correspondence, photographs, and microfilm belonging to the late Mr. Thomas Earl Wade. Mr. Wade willed the papers to the Tennessee State Library & Archives, and his sons carried out the request in 1997.

The materials in the collection originally measured approximately 15 cubic feet. After removing duplicated material that was returned to the heirs of Mr. Wade, the collection measures approximately 11 cubic feet. Four photograph albums belonging to Mr. Wade were microfilmed at an earlier date and are located on microfilm number 1544. The manuscripts of Mr. Wade that are found in the collection are protected by copyright. Single photocopies of other materials may be made for scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas Earl Wade, Sr., was born in Enville, Tennessee, on November 29, 1916, the fourth of the six children of William Edgar and Lucy Jane Barnes Wade. He married Mary Eileene Pitts (1920-?) on November 29, 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Wade had two children, Thomas Earl Wade, Jr. (1942-) and James Edgar Wade (1952-). Mr. Wade died August 25, 1997.

Mr. Wade performed a variety of occupations over the course of his lifetime. He owned a café and poolroom in Enville, Tennessee; was an accountant for several firms; and was also secretary-treasurer of the Nashville Oil Mill Corporation. Later in life, he operated a worm farm in Enville, Tennessee. Mr. Wade served in World War II as a technician, 5th grade, in the 567th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company of the army, winning four medals. He received an honorable medical discharge from the army in 1946. Additionally, Mr. Wade conducted genealogical research for his family. The families he researched included the Wade, Gibbs, Barnes, Meek, Mitchell, and Miller families, to name a few. Mr. Wade was also a member of the Tennessee 200 Bicentennial Committee in Enville, Tennessee, for which he produced a videotape concerning the history of the town.

Sources: Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical Papers
Social Security Death Index,
<http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search.ssdi/ssdi_index.asp>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical Papers contain genealogical research on the Wade and various other families conducted by Mr. Wade. The collection largely consists of genealogical materials and research, notebooks, manuscripts, photographs, and correspondence.

The focus of the Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical Papers is genealogical materials and research. Mr. Wade researched the genealogy of the Wade, Barnes, Meek, Moody, Gibbs, Perkins, and Blankenship families, in addition to several other families, over the course of his lifetime. His research on these families is located in the collection. Also included within the collection are genealogical materials such as census records, cemetery records, and deed information. The counties primarily covered by the research are Chester, Hardiman, Henderson, and McNairy.

Notebooks make up a large part of the collection. The materials in the notebooks were transferred in original order to acid-free folders in accordance with standard archival procedure. The notebooks hold genealogical research, information about the Enville Bicentennial Committee, information about postmasters in various counties, and other various information.

Mr. Wade wrote several books over the course of his life. The manuscripts of these books are located in the collection. Mr. Wade wrote a book about his experiences in World War II entitled, *Hell Yes I Was Scared*. He also wrote a book entitled, *Us Simple Folks*, a commentary on the joys of a simple lifestyle. Also included is a manuscript of his book, *Mt. Zion Cemetery of Enville, Tennessee*, a copy of which is located in the holdings of the Tennessee State Library & Archives.

There is a large collection of copies of photographs in the Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical Papers. Mr. Wade compiled a video history of Enville, Tennessee, that used copies of photographs. The copies of these photographs are located in folders entitled *Photographs #2 - Photographs #8*. There were also photographs belonging to Mr. Wade of various family members. These photographs were photocopied and the originals placed in the vault, in accordance with standard archival procedure. The photocopies of these photographs are located in the folder entitled *Photographs #1*.

Some of Mr. Wade's correspondence is located in the collection. The majority of the correspondence found in the papers concerns genealogical queries. Several of Mr. Wade's responses to queries may also be found in the collection. In addition to the genealogical correspondence, there is correspondence between Mr. Wade and Mr. Raymond Niebur. Mr. Niebur served in the army in World War II in the 567th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company. The correspondence between Mr. Wade and Mr. Niebur provides information on the fate of several men in the company and also records some of the memories of World War II shared by these two men.

Several other items of note are located in the Wade Genealogical Papers. A collection of microfilm ordered from the New York Public Library by Mr. Wade is located in the collection. The microfilm is of a book on Wade Genealogy by Charles Stuart Wade published in 1900. The microfilm is located at the end of the microfilmed copy of the Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical

Papers. A microfilm only collection of Mr. Wade's photographs albums is also available under Microfilm Accession Number 1544 (see finding aid for 1544 at the end of this finding aid). These photograph albums were originally loaned with the Wade Papers and the Wade heirs requested that they be filmed and returned. The albums were filmed in 1997 and returned as requested. In addition, several books on genealogical subjects were found in the collection. Those that were not already in the holdings of the Tennessee State Library & Archives were transferred to the library and can be accessed through the library catalog. A list of these books can be found in this finding aid.

The Thomas Earl Wade Genealogical Papers contain much valuable genealogical information as well as manuscripts written by Mr. Wade during his life. The papers are a valuable addition to the genealogical collections of the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

BOOKS TRANSFERRED TO THE LIBRARY

Burial Locations for Confederate Soldiers in Chester County, Tennessee, Bobby Barnes
*David and Margaret (Carson) Byers Family I and Capt. William and Elizabeth (Walton) Byers
Family II of Cavan Co., Ireland & York Co., S.C. & Descendants*, Thurlo V. Byers
Decatur County, Tennessee, Cemetery Records, Captain Nathaniel A. Wesson Chapter #2396,
United Daughters of the Confederacy
McNairy County, Marriages, 1861-1881, Albert Brown
A Meek Genealogy, H.B. Meek
O'Neal Cemetery, 1861-1985, Roy O'Neal
Reflections, First State Bank of Henderson
Service Record Book of Men and Women of Henderson, Tennessee and Community, Davidson-
Haltom Post No. 157 American Legion
Stamp Out Chaos! Eliminate Confusion!, Vincent L. Jones
Wade Ancestors and Related Families, Mrs. Jeff (Ophelia) Wade
Wade-Waid-Waide, A Research Book, Mrs. Jeff Wade

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8. Correspondence – Genealogical – Wade-Yow
9. Correspondence – Niebur, Raymond to Wade, Thomas
10. Correspondence – Wade, Thomas to Niebur, Raymond
11. Correspondence – Mt. Zion Cemetery
12. Correspondence – Postal Rate
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14. Draft – *Wade Book, The*
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9. Manuscripts – *Mt. Zion Cemetery of Enville, Tennessee*
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Wade genealogical chart

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The Thomas Earl Wade (1916-1977), Photograph Albums, consist of five albums and one folder of loose photographs and photograph descriptions. Three of the albums and the folder contain family photos and death records of William Edgar Wade (1881-1984) and Lucy Jane Wade (1886-1965), parents of Thomas E. Wade. The first two albums contain photographs, military documents and memorabilia of Thomas E. Wade's exploits during World War II, beginning with his induction notice through to his discharge from the U. S. Army. Mr. Wade has arranged his military albums chronologically. He also includes details of his movements throughout Europe by including hand drawn maps to show where he was stationed.

Album number 3 contains the death notices and related materials of William E. Wade and his wife Lucy Jane Wade. Also included are many family photographs particular to Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Wade.

Album numbers 4 and 5 include photographs of the Wade family ancestors. Album number 4 also includes 100th birthday greetings to William Edgar Wade from President Ronald Reagan, Senator Howard Baker, Senator Jim Sasser, Governor Lamar Alexander, and NBC television personality Willard Scott.

THOMAS EARL WADE (1916-1997)
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